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Proceedings of the Board of Stewards for the period of Monday, February 18, 2008 through Sunday, February 24, 2008. Steward Will Meyers was the Reporting and Duty Steward for the enclosed period.

Monday

02/18/08 (1) Entries for Thursday

Eleven (11) races drew eighty nine (89) entries for Thursday. No Cal-Bred races were used.

02/18/08 (2) Hensley Ruling

Ruling # 33

Driver Ed Hensley, who drove "Schemes" in the Fourth Race on Saturday, February 16, 2008, is hereby fined the sum of One Hundred (\$100) Dollars for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1731 (E) (Driver Infractions [Starting Rules] – Crossing Over Before Reaching the Start).

The above ruling was issued after Hensley was contacted and pled guilty to a mental lapse at the start of the fourth race. The penalty was accepted without argument.

02/18/08 (3) Monday Night Racing – Presidents Day

This evening's program was conducted without incident. The holiday generated a twenty percent increase in handle over last Monday.

02/18/08 (4) **Program Changes**

3rd Race Declaration - #8 "Look I Win" – Trainer Dario Solares
 Refund: \$3 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary
 4th Race Declaration - #4 "Stanley Special" – Trainer Rocky Stidham
 Refund: \$6 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary
 9th Race Declaration - #3 "Desire In My Eyes" – Trainer Matias Ruiz
 Refund: \$1 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary

02/18/08 (5) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	210
Live Handle (On Track)	\$37,120
Handle (In State)	\$353,042
<u>Handle (Out of State)</u>	<u>\$181,179</u>
Total Handle	\$571,341

Tuesday02/19/08 (1) **Entries for Friday and Saturday**

Friday's fourteen (14) race card drew ninety six (96) entries. No Cal-Bred races were used. Ninety seven (97) horses are entered for Saturday's fourteen (14) race card. No Cal-Bred races were used.

02/19/08 (2) **Dark Day****Wednesday**02/20/08 (1) **Scratches for Friday and Saturday**

Scratches and changes were held this morning with a half dozen driver changes for each day.

02/20/08 (2) **Dark Day****Thursday**02/21/08 (1) **Qualifiers**

Six (6) qualifying races were held on a sloppy surface this afternoon. Twenty one (21) of twenty eight (28) participants made the grade.

02/21/08 (2) **Inclement Weather**

The first five races were conducted with the track listed as 'sloppy'. Races 6 through 11 were listed as 'good'.

02/21/08 (3) **Fourth Race – Inquiry/No Change**

#4 "London Calling" (Tim Maier) went off stride at the wire, finishing second (2nd). Driver Maier complied with the breaking rule and no competitors were 'lapped on'. No change.

02/21/08 (4) **Seventh Race – Flat Tire**

The inside tire of #1 “Jen U Win B B” (Steve Wiseman) popped at the start. No other horses were involved. #1 ended up last from the mishap.

02/21/08 (5) **Tenth Race – Inquiry/Disqualification**

The inquiry sign was posted to review possible interference near the first 1/4 involving third (3rd) place finisher #7 “Prospect Speed” (Rocky Stidham) and seventh (7th) place finisher #4 “Anns Nestegg” (Luke Plano).

Tapes show #7 and Driver Stidham attempting to force their way into a small opening (hole) in front of #4 and Driver Plano. Plano is forced to grab and pull his horse off stride in order to avoid #7’s wheels. #4 recovered to be seventh (7th), but was cost any chance at a better placing by being forced off stride. #7 was disqualified from third (3rd) and placed seventh (7th) behind #4.

Driver Stidham will review the tapes with the stewards tomorrow.

02/21/08 (6) **Eleventh Race – Inquiry/No Change**

The winner, #3 “The Situation” (Gilbert Herrera) raced inside a pylon at the top of the stretch while attempting to pass #2 “Credible Preciosa” (8th, James Kennedy) on the inside. After review it was determined that room existed for #3 to get through and the #2 comes down, forcing #3 inside the pylon. No Change.

Driver James Kennedy will review his actions with the stewards tomorrow.

02/21/08 (7) **Program Changes**

2nd Race Declaration - #4 “Mid West Hottie” – Trainer Ed Hensley

Refund: \$1 Track Condition – Stewards

5th Race Declaration- #1 “Special Edition” – Trainer Frank Petrelli

Refund: \$0 Track Condition – Stewards

#7 “Real Pro K” – Trainer Tom Wine II

Refund: \$5 Track Condition – Stewards

8th Race Declaration - #7 “Westernorchard” – Trainer Earl Kennedy

Refund: \$0 Track Condition – Stewards

9th Race Declaration - #7 “Blue Overcoat” – Trainer Dario Solares

Refund: \$0 Track Condition – Stewards

10th Race Declaration - #9 “Seneca Falls” – Trainer Bob Johnson

Refund: \$36 Track Condition – Stewards

11th Race Declaration- #5 “Prettylittlerebel” – Trainer Denise Maier

Refund: \$0 Track Condition – Stewards

02/21/08 (8) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	252
Live Handle (On Track)	\$39,160
Handle (In State)	\$382,472
<u>Handle (Out of State)</u>	<u>\$264,125</u>
Total Handle	\$685,757

Friday**02/22/08 (1) Entries for Monday**

Ten (10) races drew seventy eight (78) entries for Monday. No Cal-Bred races were used.

02/22/08 (2) Soto Ruling – Case No. 07SW-0104**Ruling # 34**

Racing Official Zachary Soto is hereby fined the sum of Four Hundred (\$400) Dollars for failure to provide accurate information in the official program at The Big Fresno Fair on October 6, 2007. A violation of California Horse Racing Board Rules #1581 (Racing Secretary to Establish Conditions).

The above ruling was issued after a plea agreement was reached.

02/22/08 (3) Stidham Ruling**Ruling # 35**

Driver Rocky Stidham, who drove “Prospect Speed” in the Tenth Race on Thursday, February 21, 2008, is hereby fined the sum of Two Hundred (\$200) Dollars for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1721(E)(I) (Driving Rules – Crowded a Horse – Forced a Hole Causing Interference – Quarter Mile Pole).

The above ruling was issued after Stidham appeared and reviewed last night's tenth race with the stewards. Stidham was candid in admitting his mistake, stating “I thought I had more room than I did”.

02/22/08 (4) Kennedy Ruling**Ruling # 36**

Driver James Kennedy, who drove “Credible Preciosa” in the Eleventh Race on Thursday, February 21, 2008, is hereby fined the sum of One Hundred (\$100) Dollars for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1721 (I) (Driving Rules – Impede Progress of Another Horse in the Stretch) and #1721 (J) (Change Course After Selecting a Position in the Homestretch or Bear In or Out in Such a Manner as to Interfere With Another Horse).

The above ruling was issued after Kennedy appeared and pled his case. He felt he was just trying to keep the inside closed so horses couldn't pass on the inside. The stewards explained that once the hole opens and a horse starts to come through, you can't 'shut the door' and drive them off the track.

02/22/08 (5) **Inclement Weather**

Early rains caused the track to be listed as “sloppy” for the first nine races. Races 10 through 14 were listed as “good”.

02/22/08 (6) **Program Changes**

1st Race Declaration - #2 “Deano’s Hi Ho” – Trainer Lemoyne Svendsen
 Refund: \$106 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary
 9th Race Declaration - #9 “Red Star Ruffles” – Trainer Robley Johnson
 Refund: \$22 Stewards – Track Condition
 10th Race Declaration - #3 “Dusty Colors” – Trainer Elizabeth Foley
 Refund: \$128 Sick – Dr. Robert Goodbary
 11th Race Declaration - #4 “That A Boy Rambo” – Trainer Denise Maier
 Refund: \$100 Stewards – Track Condition
 #7 “Daedalus N” – Trainer Rick Plano
 Refund: \$168 Stewards – Track Condition
 13th Race Declaration - #6 “Joanne’s Fancy” – Trainer Gilbert Herrera
 Refund: \$72 Stewards – Track Condition
 14th Race Declaration - #7 “Pearl City” – Trainer James Wilkinson
 Refund: \$20 Stewards – Track Condition

02/22/08 (7) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	361
Live Handle (On Track)	\$50,419
Handle (In State)	\$526,501
<u>Handle (Out of State)</u>	<u>\$391,842</u>
Total Handle	\$968,762

Saturday02/23/08 (1) **Luke Plano Ruling****Ruling # 37**

Driver Luke Plano, who drove “Only In California” in the Twelfth Race on Friday, February 22, 2008 is hereby fined the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1734 (Whipping – No Driver Shall Use Unreasonable or Unnecessary Force in the Whipping of a Horse).

The above ruling was issued after young Plano appeared, reviewed the tape and apologized profusely for losing his cool. The severity of the penalty reflects the inappropriateness of his actions.

02/23/08 (2) **Second Race – Inquiry/No Change**

The inquiry sign was posted to review possible interference involving the winner #1 “The Pand Illusion” (Rick Plano) and third place finisher #5 “California Dream” (Luke Plano) in the stretch. After review it was determined that while the two sulkies did bump together momentarily, no interference occurred.

02/23/08 (3) **Third Race – Inquiry/Disqualification**

#5 “Allata Collada” (George Luster) came out down the backside as #2 “Ima Princess Tu” (Harold Herrera) attempts to pass. The action of #5 causes both horses to lock wheels, which in turn causes #2 to go off stride. #5 finished fifth (5th) and #2 finished sixth (6th). #5 was placed sixth (6th) for the interference.

02/23/08 (4) **Inclement Weather Causes Many Scratches & a Delay**

Bad weather caused sixteen (16) late declarations. Heavy rains and high winds made the first three races run on a very flooded racing surface. Following the third race, the stewards received a call from Driver Rick Plano who said a number of drivers were concerned with visibility on the track. A meeting was held with the drivers, General Manager Dick Feinberg, Steward Will Meyers and track maintenance. The drivers were concerned that only one tractor was being utilized to remove the standing water. During the meeting we were informed a second tractor was now being utilized and the water would be removed at a faster pace. The drivers were satisfied, and after two passes by the tractors and a twenty minute delay, racing resumed. The weather calmed and the rest of the evening was uneventful.

02/23/08 (5) **Drivers Off**

Drivers were permitted to beg off their mounts for visibility issues if they so desired. Chris Hernandez, Tim Maier, Frank Petrelli and Richard Bertrand opted off their drives.

02/23/08 (6) **Program Changes**

1st Race Declaration - #3 “Top Site” – Trainer Vickie Desomer
 Refund: \$2 Stewards – Track Condition
 #4 “She’s A Rowdy One” – Trainer Lou Pena
 Refund: \$3 Stewards – Track Condition
 4th Race Declaration - #1 “Sad Parting” – Trainer Lou Pena
 Refund: \$2 Stewards – Track Condition
 #6 “Meringue” – Trainer Hans Rynningen
 Refund: \$0 Stewards – Track Condition
 5th Race Declaration - #6 “Wicked Island” – Trainer Lemoyne Svendsen
 Refund: \$1 Stewards – Track Condition
 6th Race Declaration - #1 “Sheza Gimmie Girl” – Trainer Jim Perez
 Refund: \$3 Stewards – Track Condition
 7th Race Declaration - #2 “Gimme Hope” – Trainer Lemoyne Svendsen
 Refund: \$3 Stewards – Track Condition
 #4 “Nukem Blue Time” – Trainer Jean MacDonell
 Refund: \$7 Stewards – Track Condition
 8th Race Declaration - #5 “Jaccka Invoke N” – Trainer Lisa Van Tassel
 Refund: \$0 Stewards – Track Condition
 #9 “Diamond Back Jack” – Trainer Lemoyne Svendsen
 Refund: \$0 Stewards – Track Condition
 9th Race Declaration - #7 “Hewitt A” – Trainer Mark Anderson
 Refund: \$1 Stewards – Track Condition

02/23/08 (6) continued

10th Race Declaration - #6 "Shock Broker" – Trainer Lisa Van Tassel

Refund: \$11 Stewards – Track Condition

11th Race Declaration - #1 "Split Ticket" – Trainer Ken Kakugawa

Refund: \$18 Stewards – Track Condition

14th Race Declaration - #1 "Bomb Breeze" – Trainer Frank Petrelli

Refund: \$9 Stewards – Track Condition

#3 "Pebble Beach Rod" – Trainer Denise Maier

Refund: \$15 Stewards – Track Condition

02/23/08 (7) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance 358

Live Handle (On Track) \$53,262

Handle (In State) \$500,028

Handle (Out of State) \$283,902

Total Handle \$837,192

RULINGS ISSUED THIS WEEK

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W E E K L Y S U M M A R Y

ATTENDANCE

REPORT -

The full Board of Stewards was in session each day during this reporting period for both morning business and the afternoon racing program.

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
18-Feb	3	8	LOOK I WIN	SOLARES	Injured	Goodbary	\$3.00
	4	4	STANLEY SPECIAL	STIDHAM	Lame	Goodbary	\$6.00
	9	3	DESIRE IN MY EYES	RUIZ	Injured	Goodbary	\$1.00
22-Feb	1	2	DEANO'S HI HO	SVENDSEN	Injured	Goodbary	\$106.00
	10	3	DUSTY COLORS	FOLEY	Sick	Goodbary	\$128.00

WEEKLY HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Bakersfield	\$	12,850.20
Bay Meadows	\$	104,027.20
Eureka	\$	-
Fresno	\$	4,651.90
Fresno Club One	\$	5,217.70
Golden Gate	\$	64,363.00
Monterey	\$	11,406.20
Pleasanton	\$	44,185.30
Sacramento	\$	141,125.10
San Jose	\$	52,556.40
Santa Rosa	\$	13,829.40
Stockton	\$	31,369.60
Tulare	\$	1,873.40
Turlock	\$	-
Vallejo	\$	32,128.60
Racing Fairs	\$	-
So. California	\$	-
Out of State	\$	1,121,049.49

SACRAMENTO HARNESS ASSOCIATION

SUMMARY

2008

	Mon 02/18	Tues 02/19	Wed 02/20	Thurs 02/21	Fri 02/22	Sat 02/23	Total Week	Total Meet
Accidents	0	D	D	0	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	0	A	A	0	0	0	0	0
Claims	1	R	R	1	1	1	4	14
Disqualification's	0	K	K	1	0	1	2	12
Inquiries	0	D	D	3	0	2	5	27
Refunds	3	A	A	6	7	15	26	141
Rulings	1	Y	Y	0	3	1	5	37

Stewards Attendance: Stewards Meyers, Oke and McLaren were in attendance.

All drivers submitted to a breathalyzer test.

Will Meyers, Steward

Michael W. "Wayne" Oke, Steward

Brent McLaren, Steward